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Say...graduate!

Julie Brazeau, Early Childhood Education, takes instruction from photographer Bryan Groff on good portrait posture for her graduation photo Wednesday. Today is the last day to have portraits taken at the Welland Campus student centre.

Photo by Jacquie Butler

Council queries year length

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's council was "side-stepped" in the decision to change the academic year to 36 weeks, says Tom Fraser, faculty member.

"College Council has never been brought forward. It seems College Council is just being side-stepped," he said at Monday's meeting.

President John Saso said the plan for restructuring the year is coming "now" to council, who "still have time to input."

"The decision here is to go the 36 weeks, but if you have some suggestions to change that, you can still make those suggestions," he told council.

Fraser said council was officially set up by the province to have input on such items "while they're being discussed — not after they've been decided."

Vice-president of academics David Schleich (who did not attend the meeting) said last week, the college will extend the academic year to 36 weeks (two 18-week terms) starting in September.

Faculty member Terry Mason said faculty received no official announcement of the decision.

"It certainly discounts any respect for College Council — (council) should be able to ponder it before it ever gets to the mass media *(Niagara News)* which is where I found out about it."

Willard Wright, a human relations instructor, said he agrees with the 36-week year because "it will help the deficit problem", but said he disagrees with the administration's approach.

Council voted to hold a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the staff dining lounge in the Black Walnut building. The meeting is open for council and student input regarding the 36-week academic year. The college's vice-presidents will be in attendance.

Test policy to be discussed

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Niagara College Council has been given time to make recommendations concerning the new missed-test policy, after several members voiced dissapproval over council's lack of involvement in the decision.

Tom Fraser, a mathematics instructor and council member, said council was being "side-stepped."

"This is an officialy constituted body set up by the province, and we're supposed to have input into these items, not after they've been decided, but while they are being discussed," he said.

Fraser said council should be "treated the way it's supposed to be treated or it should be disbanded."

The new Practice for Writing Missed Tests and Examinations, which forces students to pay $15 for test rewrites, was slated to go into effect Jan. 4, until a memorandum from David Schleich, vice-president academic, outlining effective dates for the new practice was met with opposition earlier this month.

Schleich, in a second memorandum, extended the date to Feb. 1, allowing staff and students to respond.

The memorandum gives staff and students until today to respond.

Niagara College President John Saso told an upset council Monday night that "time was ticking and we're forced to do some things over a relatively short period of time."

Saso said he agreed the council should have input into the issue and gave the body time to make recommendations.

"Part of the reason we pulled back is because you need to find a basis of input," he said.

Carol Boettcher, vice-president student life and human resources, said there is nothing "magical about the 22nd of January."

"If the council wants longer to respond, all it needs to do is indicate before the 22nd if it would like longer to respond," Boettcher said.

However, College Council is not a policy setting body and can only make recommendations to the college president.

Meanwhile, Schleich, from his Simcoe Building office, said the missed test practice is a small part of the eventual creation of a testing centre at the college.

The testing centre's purpose is to discourage students who, through abuse, take advantage of make-up tests, Schleich said.

"It's only a piece of the bigger puzzle," he said.

"The important thing to realize is that it was part of a larger strategy having to do with the creation of a testing centre."

Schleich said students who have legitimate reasons for missing tests should not pay a fee of any kind.

He said the goal of having a testing centre is to discourage students who take advantage of missing tests through abuse.

"Rewrites for normal testing should not have a fee of any kind, say if you're ill or if you're on a hockey team with the college and you're away that day.

"If you miss a test, the teacher can put it in the testing centre and you

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Multi-million dollar target set for Master Plan

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

College fundraisers have set a multi-million dollar target for the long-term Master Plan, says Larry Naftulin, the College Foundation's Chief Executive Officer.

"It will be difficult, but it's worth trying," he said.

The plan is a $32-million long-range project to expand and renovate Niagara's three campuses in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

The feasibility study, recently completed by the foundation, reveals a positive perception of the college and an understanding of college needs, Naftulin said. "We're looking at $6 million at a maximum."

The study was aimed at testing the perception of, interest in and image of the public toward the college, he said

"It also tests whether or not the figure that you're considering raising is a feasible amount of money," he said. "There was a great deal of admiration for the job that (President) John Saso has been doing in explaining the college's strong points to the community.

"There were many questions that came back through the study which we can now address," he said.

Naftulin would not comment on the specific questions posed, but said the college is going back to meet with people and answer questions.

Information session Tuesday

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Students and faculty are invited to a college restructuring information session Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. with David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president academic.

Schleich will talk about plans to extend the college year to 36 weeks from 31 weeks.

Recent cuts in operating grants have forced college officials to consider lengthening the acadmic year.

The Student Administrative Council-sponsored session is in the Hamilton Room Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

Staff visits open new horizons

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

Recent visits by Niagara College staff to institutions in Budapest, Hungary and Yueyang, China, have opened up new horizons for further interaction.

Larry Clark and Vince Dileo, computer engineering technology instructors, visited Yueyang University in China last fall as part of exchanges for a three-year project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

'There is a positive response to the project'

- Clark

George Blazetich, English instructor, visited the Commerce and Hospitality College in Budapest, Hungary, last fall as part of his sabbatical.

The participants hailed their experiences in the foreign institutions as having resulted in "side benefits" to the target people.

"There is a positive response to the project," Clark said. "It has attracted some spin-off benefits. We were surprised to see lots of students coming to see us during the night; they were excited to see white men for the first time speaking in a language they had never been told was spoken by the western countries."

"They came with English assignments and felt privileged to speak with us because we were their instructors, but at the same time, we spoke with high-ranking government officials," said Dileo, who is based at the St. Catharines campus.

Their visit to Yueyang University was aimed at assessing financial accountability for expenses on machine tools, installing some machines and conducting training in CAD-CAM.

"In addition, we repaired and maintained some computers and identified two candidates who will be visiting the college early next February," Dileo said.

The two Yueyang University staff, a male and a female, will train in CAD-CAM and welding at Niagara College.

"What is interesting is that the female staff is coming to do welding and the male to do the CAD-CAM," Clark said.

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Blazitech said his visit to Budapest had opened new ground for further professional exchanges between Niagara College and institutions in Hungary.

"The Hungarian professional community that I was involved with in Budapest expressed a very clear and direct intention to have some kind of a connection with our Hungarian community in the region for the purpose of teacher and student exchanges," he said. "They wrote letters to this effect which will be in the hands of the Hungarian community very shortly for their response."

Niagara Region has a Hungarian community of about 9,500.

"I'm going back in Hungary next June, and I'll be there for a couple of months, further developing these initiatives," he said.

Blazetich made a similar visit in fall 1991 and taught at a teacher training college in Budapest.

"In terms of teaching resources, teaching is much easier here than there," he said, comparing the two teaching experiences in Canada and Hungary.

"It's much more comfortable to teach here."

The institutional linkage programs are co-ordinated by the international education department. Dennis Malone, director of the department and co-ordinator of the programs, said the college is considering opening up another such project with an institution in Vietnam.

"Details of the project proposal will be submitted to CIDA for funding approval," Malone said.

Link with China 'positive'

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

The link between Niagara College and Yueyang University in China is achieving it's objective, says Dennis Malone, co-ordinator of a three-year $300,000 project at both schools and director of international education at the college.

"The people in China have been doing short-term evaluations of the project and the feedback has been very positive," he said.
"The only problem has been communication in terms of both language and technical, such as how long it takes to send a fax and receive a reply."

The college established a link with Yueyang University in 1991 in order to develop a technical training and industrial internship program in the disciplines of electronics and machine tooling technologies in the faculties of the two institutions.

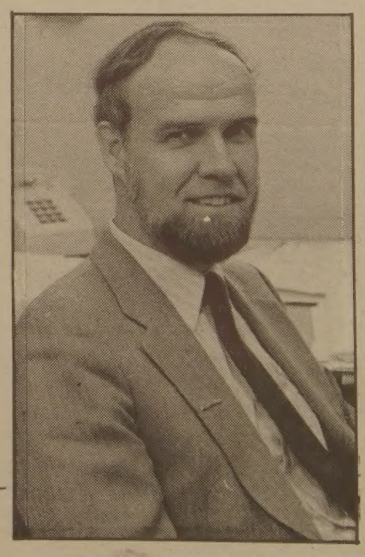
"The technical internship program involving both institutions is also intended to strengthen the relationship of co-operation, technical assistance and exchange between Canada and the Republic of China," Malone said.

The project is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and is part of a major project involving other Canadian community colleges. It is operating in three phases and is now in its third year, ending in March 1994.

"It is quite a large project overall," said Malone, "Niagara College was the first to begin, so we're seen ,as the experienced people because other colleges are just starting."

The link involves training visits and exchanges between the two institutions.

Five technical staff from Yueyang University studied at Niagara College and participated in industrial work experiences from



DENNIS MALONE

February to September 1991. Another two staff members are expected to arrive next Feb. 1.

Similarly, George Rowbottom and Arthur Gill from the college's St. Catharines campus visited Yueyang University in 1991. They gave lectures, provided technical consultation, and conducted industrial needs assessment and program planning.

Last fall, Vince Dileo, an industrial maintenance mechanic program instructor at the St. Catharines campus, and Larry Clark, a computer engineering program instructor at the Welland campus, visited Yueyang University.

Their mission was to evaluate the project in terms of financial accountability, and conduct training sessions in electronics and machine tooling technology.

"Everything was in order except for delivery problems for some of the machines purchased," said Clark.

Yueyang University is an advanced vocational training institution situated in the Dongting Lake Region of Hunan Province in China. It was established by the Chinese municipal and provincial governments to be the key occupational training resource for a growing multi-sectoral industrial base needing advanced technology.

The university is determined to establish, with Niagara's assistance, new machining technologies and restructure electronic technology training to support the vibrant manufacturing base.

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Cocaine's haunting legacy

By HEATHER D. HODGSON
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This is the second in a three-part student essay series of Drug Awareness Week competition entries.

By MIRIAM DUKE

The following essay is a true story. The names of the main characters have been changed.

Cocaine is a destroyer. It destroys lives; it destroys families; it destroys entire societies. Cocaine invades your life and once it's there, it does not let go easily.

Addicts will degrade and humiliate themselves for quantities of cocaine that won't keep the craving at bay for an hour. It is agonizing to watch someone you care about slip away from you. It's a high price to pay for a bag of white powder.

I first met Lydia when I was 14. I had moved to a new school and I felt lost. Lydia seemed so self-assured and beautiful. I was flattered that she wanted to be my friend. She helped me acclimatize myself to my new surroundings.

Soon, we both developed a crush on a boy named Dennis. He was a senior on the football team and had his own car. One night he asked Lydia to a party. The next day she told me what had happened.

The party was not what Lydia and I had thought it would be. There had been heavy drug use and all the participants had been much older than Lydia. Lydia tried cocaine for the first time that night — and she liked it.

It was not long until cocaine became an important part of Lydia's life. We drifted apart. I was angry at Dennis for getting Lydia involved in his lifestyle. One day I confronted Dennis with my angry accusations. He laughed at me. Dennis told me I didn't know what I was missing and invited me to come to the next party he and Lydia attended. I felt helpless and began to distance myself from Lydia.

I hadn't spoken to Lydia for two months when I found her crying in the bathroom at school. She looked pale, her eyes were bloodshot and she had bruises on her neck and arms. Lydia explained that Dennis had threatened to cut off her supply if I refused to sleep with the two of them. I knew the sweet, gentle girl I had met, not so long ago, no longer existed. I left the bathroom and phoned Lydia's mother. I told her everything. The next day Lydia told me she never wanted to talk to me again. Six weeks later I came home late one night to find a message from Lydia on the answering machine. I decided it was too late to return her call that night.

The next morning, Lydia's body was found in the dumpster of an apartment building she shared with her mother. Mild rigor mortis had set in and the paramedics had trouble prying the empty syringe out of her right hand. Dennis didn't attend the funeral.

Every now and then, I second guess myself. Could I have done something differently? Probably. Would it have mattered? I doubt it. I know these are questions I will ask myself for the rest of my life. That is exactly what cocaine does. It destroys lives, and it haunts lives.

Food still available

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Cash-strapped students can still find relief in the counselling office. The "Food for Friends" food drive campaign operated in first semester has supplies left to distribute.

About 70 students were helped since the origination of the drive, said Brigitte Chiki, organizer and counsellor.

All of the students that came forward for help were living on Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP).

"Many, many of them are supporting a family, most of them were single parents," Chiki said.

Students with children under the age of one are encouraged to pick up the baby food still available in the counselling office. About one-third of the total food collected is still available.

A rush of about 20 students came in for food bags the first day but the flow has trickled down to about two or three per day.

Over 1,000 items of food were collected in first semester for the first student food drive at Niagara College. The volunteer student organizers advertised, sorted and collected the donations. Food items ranged from traditional Kraft dinner to more unconventional homemade jam.

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre donated 200 frozen dinners to the drive. Eleven cartons of Kraft dinner were also given to the college by an Avondale store that wanted to remain anonymous.

"Very successful and very well organized, we owe it all to the student volunteers," said Chiki about the drive.

There may be another food drive for next year but with such a large effort needed no definite plans have been made. About 120 volunteer hours were necessary to get the first drive under way.

New academic plan endangers summer jobs

Hospitality faculty voice 'grave concerns'

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Havoc has brewed at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls this week. Students and faculty are worried about job placements because of the restructuring of Niagara College's academic year.

David Schleich, vice-president academics, has introduced an extension to the academic year to 36 weeks from 31 weeks which gives each semester 18 weeks.

Schleich said students will benefit because they will have more time to concentrate on their subjects and there will be more classroom availability. He said that part-time teachers wouldn't be necessary any longer because the full-time teachers will have more time with the students. Hourly class time during the week will also be reduced to 20-21 hours from about 24 hours.

"Grave concerns" have been raised by the faculty at the centre regarding the students. These changes will affect their job placements during the summer months because they will be getting out of school too late for the better jobs, said David Davies, director at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

"A number of faculty members have pointed out that change from the current patent curriculm could cause problems for student employment," he said. "The change could affect the availability of the students and graduates and should be discussed with the industry."

This reformation is a major issue for the students at the centre since there is "tremendous enrolment for the culinary program", said Stanley West, Culinary program co-ordinator.

West is concerned about the students finding employment in June because they should be in the industry by April.

"It has major ramifications regarding the students and the impact it will have on them," said West.

Students at the centre are concerned with the quality of experience they need and not enough time to earn money in the summer. Dan Clare, 22, first year Culinary skills student, said that the change sounds good because you get more education but the tuition will probably increase as well.

"If you're late getting out of school you may have to wait until next year to get a job," he said. "You need at least four months to work during the summer to earn enough money to return to school."

Clare said these changes will affect the holidays because students from out of town will only have five days to go home.

"Personally, I don't think it's (the restructuring) to the students benefit,"said Keith Longster, instructor at the centre. "I am concerned with their opportunity to earn money in the summer to carry them through."

"There's no doubt in my mind that in a year or two there will be a big affect in enrolment," said Longster.

Longster said the availability of summer employment is a crucial part to the Hospitality and Tourism Centre and its students.

"The hospitality area is very much a tourism area and employment ranges from late April to August in the industry," said Longster. "If our students do not get out until June the jobs will be snapped up by the university students and no jobs of validity will be left by the time our students get out of school."

Students and faculty members are writing letters to Schleich to inform him of their concerns for the future proposal effective in September.

Co-op students 'holding their own'

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Just over 50 per cent of qualified Niagara College co-op students required to find work for the winter term have done so.

Co-op students, in addition to completing classroom credits, must obtain paid employment in program-related jobs before they can graduate.

The main reason for the difficulty can be attributed to the high unemployment rates of the last few years, particularly in the Niagara region.

While Niagara's unemployment rate dropped from 14.9 per cent in November to 14 per cent last month, that figure is still higher than December's national rate of 11.5, Statistics Canada figures show.

"In light of the economic climate, especially here in the peninsula, students shouldn't be discouraged because they're holding their own," said Niagara College Co-operative Education and Career Services Manager Rosemary Cawthorn.

One encouraging fact is that more co-op students are working this year than last year, but because enrolment is higher, the percentage has remained "about the same as last year," said Cawthorn. "Things are at least as good as last year."

The technology and hospitality programs were the hardest hit this year, Cawthorn said, adding hospitality students annually have trouble finding work until February.

While about 60 per cent of technology students are working, a Niagara Falls food processor has provided a "big boost" by hiring 12 second-year students, said co-op liaison officer Jean Brodie.

Also, 100 per cent of business accounting students have found work while 14 of 18 office administration students are employed with five jobs still posted at the co-op office.

More students will find jobs as the term progresses as "quite a few have resumes out and/or are waiting to hear about interviews," Cawthorn said.

Of the students who haven't yet found jobs, many need to work harder, said Cawthorn.

"Some students haven't got their resumes in. They should become more involved in a job search."

"Very few employers are recruiting on individual campuses. They expect the students to come to them. It shows a desire to work," said Cawthorn, adding initiative, assertiveness and flexibility are all qualities employers are looking for. "They're all looking for that perfect employee with the proper attitude."

Cawthorn remains optimistic that with the proper attitude and determination, all students can find work.

"If they're ready, they'll get something. I have a firm belief there's a spot for everyone if they stick with it."

College application centre open

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

People wishing to attend an Ontario college no longer have to apply directly to the school of their choice. A central application system is now in place and accepting applications.

Prospective students now apply directly to the Ontario College Application Centre in Guelph, Ont., indicating their five top choices on the application.

The system, which the centre's director John Parrett, said doesn't have all the "fancy electronic bells and whistles," but should be fully upgraded by next year, has been operational since Jan. 1.

"It's running much better than I ever thought," said Parrett, the former Niagara College registrar.

Parrett said the centre was built in Guelph mainly because the Ontario University Application centre is located there, and "although we, at this point in time, are totally separate operations, we found that should we ever become one, it would be much easier if we were both in the same city."

Parrett said although the university centre was helpful, the college system is different.

The old application system, where students applied directly to the college, was "somewhat out of control."

"It (the system) has brought much more organization to the application process," he said, adding applicants can only accept one school on their application.

Consequently, the people in college registrar offices are going to have time to do other things, rather than process students, Parrett said.

College 'critical' to city's growth: Saso

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Niagara College President John Saso is proving to be a popular school official.

"If the city of Welland would do more to help us with the campus in Welland, it would be a more useful use of energy," he said.

Last year, at the request of the city, the college presented its $31-million plan to Welland city council.

The so-called Master Plan is aimed at strengthening, consolidating and expanding the college. It proposes a "$22 million campus in St. Catharines to better serve students from Grimbsy, Thorold, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines, etc...," Saso said.

The plan also proposes that $16 million be spent in Welland, including $10 million for campus renovations and $6 million for a new student residence.

"Welland council applauded the school, encouraged us to go forward and passed a motion in support," Saso said.

He said the only concern expressed by the council pertained to the plan's proposal to sell 34 acres of college land in Welland.

He said the council was told at that time that if there was any "way around" selling the property, the school would not sell it.

"The college challenged the city to come up with a plan to build common facilities for both the students and the Welland residents."

Saso said some of the common facilities suggested by the school included an athletic facility and library.

He said he is "flattered" by Welland council's request to keep all expansion located in Welland.

"But, at the same time, we have 11 other campuses throughout the peninsula. We have to preserve the areas where campuses are located now.

"It is impossible to ignore the education demands ot the 390,000 citizens who do not live in Welland."

Saso said the transportation link between Welland and other cities "is not very good".

He said that althougn the city has not talked to him, he has heard that a city committee is looking into different projects relating to common facilities.

He said it's "understandable in this horrendous recession, when jobs have been lost all through the peninsula, that every town and city would like the college to be located there."

He said he has requests from every area of the peninsula. He said he knows the college is "critical" to the growth of the area.

He said that although Welland will "always remain the centre of the college," he will not support requests to put "everything in one place."

Saso said the local city councils are looking to "any avenue" to expand their own areas.

He said Welland must understand that although it has been "hard hit" by the recession, the Master Plan was developed by an "extremely objective third party."

The plan was created by ECS Consultants Limited of Toronto.

Saso said the consultants firm is well respected by the government. So much so that the firm has been "asked by the government to survey all 260 campuses across the province."

Saso said he would like to clarify that although the proposed site for expansion in St. Catharines has a Niagara-on-the-Lake mailing address, it is, in fact, on the outskirts of St. Catharines.

Saso said the funding for the Master Plan will come from a number of sources, including the sale of assets; partnership arrangments such as the one that will see a second party pay for the construction of the residence in Welland; efficiencies through consolidation; government grants and various fund-raising activities.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Letterman dumps NBC

It is now official; loyalty is dead in our society.

It's been deteriorating for the last decade or so, as baseball players jumped from team to team without concern and companies closed down plants that entire towns depended on.

But it finally died last week when it was announced that David Letterman will leave NBC for CBS this fall. In coming to this parting of the ways, neither Letterman nor NBC displayed any loyalty whatsoever.

NBC could have shown loyalty to Letterman by offering him what they should have last year: the earlier time slot that his years of brilliance on Late Night had earned for him. They didn't.

Letterman could have shown loyalty to his rabid after-midnight following by staying on at 12:30 a.m. with a pay raise from NBC. He didn't.

Loyalty didn't seem to be on the mind of anyone involved. It was as if the concept never existed.

When Dave debuts on CBS, I will watch. But as I laugh, I will be mourning the untimely passing of a cherished virtue.

Roger Stroop

Cross-border cures

Over the past few years, Canadians have been constantly bombarded with the following statement: Do not cross-border shop.

But when Robert Bourassa, Quebec's Liberal premier, was recently diagnosed with a reoccurrence of skin cancer, he did not stay in Canada to receive the conventional treatment.

Instead, he led the line to the border to receive a new experimental treatment, one that purports to kill the cancer using healthy cells removed from the skin of the victim.

Bourassa may well represent the thread that ties Canada together. He is a federalist, not interested in the breakdown of the country, and in the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada. If Bourassa is unable to fulfil his duties as premier of Quebec, inevitably the other separatist parties in the province, such as Lucien Bouchard's Bloc Quebecois, will take advantage of the disorganization of a party searching for a leader in order to make their own gains.

I applaud Bourassa's efforts to get the best possible treatment for a disease that strikes many Canadians every day. So should Prime Minister Brian Mulroney - having Bourassa on his side of the federalism issue only strengthens the idea of Canada remaining as one. Symbolically, though, this screams of the hypocrisy that has operated in the Canadian government for years.

What's good for one Canadian is good for the other.

Jennifer Herr

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students disgruntled with 36-week year

Dear Editor:

I would like to draw your attention to the new legislation accepted by (Niagara) College regarding the extension of the school year from 31 to 36 weeks. There are a multitude of problems inherent in this extension.

First, the students who rent accommodation in Welland during the school year will have to pay an extra month's rent. Second, students will have one month less to work during the summer to pay for school. Third, and most importantly, at the end of the school year Niagara College students will be one month behind other colleges and universities in their job search because other schools will graduate their students a month earlier.

Isn't it hard enough to find work in the Niagara Region with a 25 per cent unemployment rate without giving tertiary institutions from out of the area an extra month to find jobs in our area?

Stuart McDonald
First-year Journalism program

Twenty-seven Year One students also signed McDonald's letter. A complete listing of those names is available in S212.

Out with the old, in with the new

Baby boomers take office

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

When Bill Clinton took the presidential oath of office Wednesday, there was not only a transfer of power, but also of generations.

After a full day of pomp and circumstance surrounding the formal inauguration ceremony, a wonderful thing happened in Washington; the capitol let its hair down in a way Clinton wanted it to.

People who wouldn't have whistled dixie for George Bush or Ronald Reagan came out in force for Clinton. Bob Dylan, Carol King, Kenny Loggins and scores of notable and unknown baby boomers called Clinton to task and Clinton answered their call. Ben E. King gave him a saxophone and he played to rousing cheers. If there was ever any question of Clinton's integrity, it disappeared Wednesday.

Americans simply like Clinton. They recognize his vitality; 'hey, he's one of us.' And they elected him by a landslide.

Clinton uses television, perhaps better than John F. Kennedy did, to get that message across, and now, more than ever, it doesn't matter how the message is relayed; it matters if the message is heard.

Perhaps artist Peter Max said it best; "Bill Clinton is the rock 'n' roll president."

Baby boomers have waited 12 long years for action. Now they can groove.

SAC will look to Arthur Ashe

Magic Johnson says no

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

A basketball legend has said no to Niagara College.

In a letter addressed to Nancy Grimminck, the Magic Johnson Foundation stated Johnson, invited by Grimminck last month, is unable to attend all functions he is invited to.

Grimminck, Student Administrative Council vice-president internal, expressed disappointment and said she was surprised there was no "real explanation" why Johnson would not come to the college.

"Everybody was extremely excited about the prospect of him coming," she said.

Johnson's career in the National Basketball Association ended two years ago when it was discovered he was infected with the human immunodeificiency virus, known to be the cause of AIDS. After successfully competing in the 1992 Summer Olympics, Johnson announced he was making a comeback with the Los Angeles Lakers. However, concern from other players in the league forced Johnson to retire for a second and final time.

Meanwhile, Grimminck said all money from a Johnson appearance raised would have been donated to the Magic Johnson Foundation, devoted to increasing AIDS awareness. Grimminck said she was given the option of donating the proceeds.

Grimminck said she wanted to increase AIDS awareness at the college.

"It's a common concern, especially for sexualy active college students."

Grimminck said she is disappointed with the Johnson's refusal and the recent cancellation of Dr. Henry Morgentaler, but she considers them losses, not failures.

"I try to think of everything in a positive way. The loss of Magic and Morgentaler has been disappointing to the college, considering the awareness and information the two would have made available."

However, Grimminck is not giving up. She is now looking into obtaining former tennis star Arthur Ashe, who was recently diagnosed with AIDS, to lecture on awareness.

Media creates another victim of assimilation

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Something is awry. Really awry.

My roommate brought it to my attention. I mean, I knew something was wrong, but she finally explained it home to me. She pointed out the obvious miscarriage of culture that is occurring in 30 second spots hundreds of times daily on that box I find myself staring at with such regularity.

Josee Chouinard, that cute little Quebecois figure skater, is doing commercials for one of those shampoos that claims to (miraculously, I think) clean and condition at the same time, and there's a voice, presumably, by what it is saying, the voice of Josee Chouinard.

But the voice is missing something. It's a big something. It's her accent.

Anyone who has ever heard Chouinard speak has undoubtedly noticed the thick French-Canadian accent in her giggling, always-happy voice. But in this commercial, there is no trace of what you hear when you actually see her lips move. By the miracle of modern editing, Chouinard has become an Anglo.

Perhaps this is a manifestation of the doom and gloom predicted by politicians and journalists when the Charlottetown accord failed last October.

I've been waiting for something. It's been over two months, we've moved into a new year, and so far this is the closest I've noticed to change.

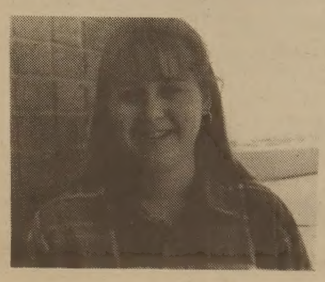
I remember the day in Grade 9 when my history teacher taught us a new word. It was, by her definition, one of the most feared English words in Quebec. The word was assimilation. I can still see it written on the chalk board. She predicted, with the benefit of her vastly educated intuition, that within 10 years, Quebec would call for constitutional change to prevent the insidious sponge of English culture from soaking up the French traditions and rights found in Quebec.

Miss Murphy, wherever you are, you are a prophet. You had it right on the mark.

Unfortunately, the accord did not call for enough for all of Canada to agree with. And now look what's happening.

Assimilation by shampoo. Who'd have expected that?

Jury duty a waste of this citizen's time



By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

I appeared. I signed in. I waited. I answered "here" when they called my name. I waited. Ninety-nine other people waited to serve on a jury. Twice the outcome was to go home and come back tomorrow.

This was the process for jury selection Jan. 4 and 11.

We were there at 9:30 a.m.

The proceedings were supposed to start at 10 a.m. The court clerk, reporter, crown attorney and defence lawyer wandered in and out until 10:30 a.m. when the judge finally entered.

The first time, a jury wasn't needed because the accused decided to be tried by a judge alone. We were sent home and told to come back Jan. 11 to be picked for a different case.

On Jan. 11 the court clerk and reporter phoned in ill. The bailiff read off the role call. Some of the people summoned to juror brought books to read for the waiting period. Others sighed loudly and complained about the wait. I almost fell asleep. The judge entered the court at 10:30 a.m., hemmed and hawed and told us that there were some technicalities to be worked out before a jury could be selected. Once again we were sent home.

The time of 100 people was wasted twice. However, the Attorney General's office in Toronto was quick in mailing the summons. The date on the summons was Dec. 4 and I received it Dec. 6. With it I received a friendly little book entitled Playing Your Part in Our Justice System.

What the book doesn't include is a chapter on how much time the justice system wastes.

"The judge could have treated us with a little more consideration," said a member of the jury panel. "He didn't even apologize or thank us for our time."

Everything was over for us Jan. 12. None of us had to serve on the jury because the case is being held in March. We were dismissed and thanked for showing up each day promptly.

That's all that was said. Not sorry for wasting your time and inconveniencing you all, but thank you. There were 100 of us and one judge. His time was well paid for in court while ours was wasted, and our time is money, too. Many had to go without three days of pay so they could attend and perform their civic duty.

We did our duty as Canadian citizens and some people commended us. But, we didn't do it of free will. We were forced to show up for jury duty because if we didn't we would be fined.

There is nothing to commend about performing a civic duty or the way the court system operates because it's all a farce.

Iraqi war becoming acceptable pattern

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Two-years ago the Persian Gulf War began and now Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's government has renewed its defiance and vowed to disregard the no-fly zone established by the United Nations.

Iraq is "free to shoot any plane that penetrates Iraqi air space," Tariq Aziz, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, said in a television broadcast last weekend.

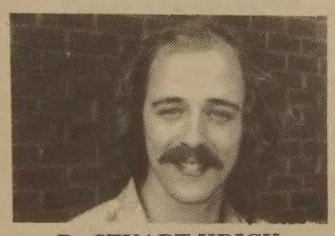
War seems to be taken so lightly these days. Hussein portrays himself as a war-lover, a trouble-maker and altogether insane. But to see his country supporting his ridiculous decisions makes me wonder if the whole country isn't insane.

It seems a shame that the United Nations might have to go to war once again with Iraq after finishing a six-week war two years ago. It makes me ill to think of soldiers risking their lives because of another person's stupidity.

It looked like Sunday's weapons seizures were the most serious since the Gulf War, yet on the weekend, air cruise missile attacks began in Baghdad resulting in four deaths and more than 30 casualties.

At this point, war looks inevitable. Iraqi citizens blame former U.S. president George Bush for this mess; I say the only people they have to blame are themselves and their leader Saddam Hussein.

Political correctness just a prejudicial means to the end



By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

This year the Niagara Regional Race Relations Council received $25,000 from the provincial government to provide anti-racism training and education.

This is another example of the government funding politically-correct ideology.

You don't have to be a racist to be against the giving out of public funds to promote anti-racism.

Promoting anti-racism plays into the same mentality that promotes racism.

The intelligencia on the left created political correctness in an attempt to modify social behavior. The idea is that if you can get society to use unloaded words and to think in fair, unprejudiced terms, society will become a kinder, gentler place for all citizens, regardless of sex, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender, physical state, ect...

The end is noble, and, using machiavellian logic, i.e., the end justifies the means, the far left have chosen to use any means at their disposal.

But as Ghandi pointed out, and to which the 20th century has provided ample proof, we can never know the true ends of any undertakings; all we can know is the means.

"Therefore," Ghandi said "the means justifies the ends." If the means is not noble, the end will not be either.

The means the politically-correct are using is not noble. This is obvious when one looks at the paranoia and confusion political correctness has created in our society.

Paranoia because people have to continually look over their shoulders when speaking the thoughts that truly flow through their minds. Confusuion because no one can be certain, from one day to the next, what is allowed and what is not.

Granted, some thoughts and ideas are more congenial to societal harmony. Granted, education is an effective tool to allow people to find the best words and ideas.

But propaganda is not education. Correct ideas and words cannot be instituted.

Citizens must be allowed to evolve at their own pace and in their own way. Education is crucial, but citizens must be given the freedom to choose the words and ideas they like.

The purpose of education is to present the entire spectrum of ideas. Then, from that, the citizens choose their own way.

To present certain ideas at the exclusion of others may, in the short run, promote those ideas. But the recipients of such one-sided views will, in the long run, be worse for it.

It seems right ideas and actions are not as important as the journey to these right ideas and actions. The journey is the process that creates spiritual growth. Without the journey, there is no spiritual growth.

To arrive at all the right ideas and actions without spiritual growth is as foolish and useless as being born a 30-year-old.

Political correctness is as prejudicial as racism. And a mind indoctrinated in politically-correct prejudice, is wide open to any form of prejudice, even right-wing racism.

The more far-left assaults society with prejudice, and the more that paranoia and confusion washes over the citizens, the more it becomes possible that a back-lash will sweep many frustrated white males into the far-right.

The politically correct should remember who still runs this country. The politically correct should remember that the so-called domination-hungry-white-male in Canada has enfranchised everyone. Does that sound like a group out to dominate all others?

The politically correct should remember that most Canadians hug both sides of the middle. And that Canada has known much peace and prosperity because of this. The politically-correct should remember that radicalism begets radicalism and that the middle splits apart, and chaos erupts, when pulled too much from both ends.

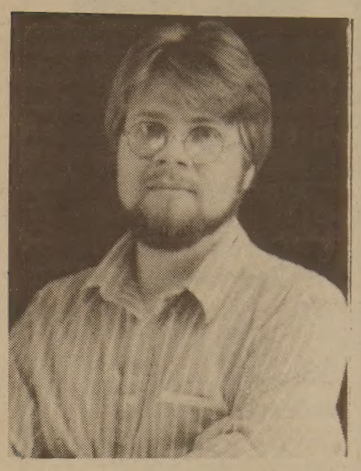
When society is transformed through prejudice rather than enlightenment, individuals are doomed to suffer.

The politically-correct have good intentions, but everyone has good intentions.

Good intentions are not enough.

NIAGARA SPEAKS

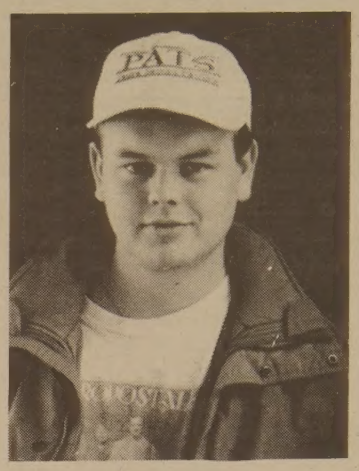
How will the extended school year affect your life?



RYAN HANLIN

"We're all co-op students. There are 300 students in Electrical and Electronics technology. We have to go out on co-op. They're supposed to have at least a three month term. We're already paying $300 each for co-op and we have to find our own placements.

I'd be losing summer work because I can't get OSAP. I know there's a tonne of other students in the same boat," said Ryan Hanlin, a second-year Electronics Technology student.



MIKE KUHN

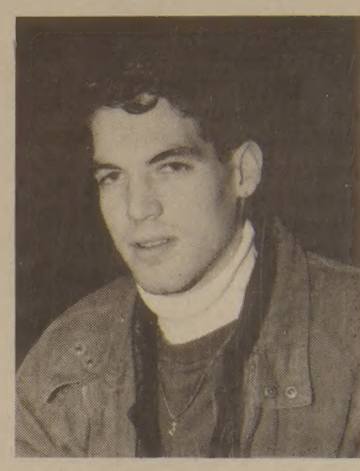
"We're in competition with university students because they're out earlier; now, we're going to be in competition with high school students. They'll cut a month off our summer, so that's money we'll lose working," said Mike Kuhn, a second-year Electronics Technology student.

RITA WUBS

"I like that because you don't go over everything so fast. Teachers have more time to explain things. Things won't be so rushed," Rita Wubs, first-year business administration, said.

CYNTHIA LEACH

"I'm in general college and the way the schedule is done there are a lot of big gaps in the timetables-if they add five weeks to the program it will have bigger ones," said Cynthia Leach from second-year general college.



JIM THOMPSON

"I don't understand why they would do it if they are short on funds already. How will they pay the teachers another five weeks? Niagara is going to start it and see how it goes," said first-year general college student Jim Thompson.

Niagara Speaks is written from the files of Kim Morphew and Jennifer Herr

Mayor Thomson 'scared to death'

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson is "scared to hell" with Region Niagara's decision to budget cap the spending of the Niagara Regional Police.

Additional funding of $1.5 million demanded by the police board has been refused. The Board is appealing the decision to the Ontario Police Commision.

"Niagara Falls is a unique municipality when it comes to policing," said Thomson, adding the city welcomes an average of 120,000 tourists a year, many of whom are victimized by crime.

NRP

Thomson cited numerous break-ins at hotels in Niagara Falls during the tourist season with some occurring on different floors of the hotels.

Thomson said he would like the NRP to handle break-in deterence rather than the hotels hiring security people to patrol.

With the tourist season comes increased traffic in the downtown core. Thomson said proper policing is needed for the traffic problems that can occur during the summer months.

Another problem "unique" to Niagara Falls is prostitution, which occurs all year around, he said.

The annual Niagara Regional Police Statistical report shows in 1990 there were, on average, 11.1 prostitution arrests a month. In 1991, there were 12.3 arrests a month. The figures for 1992 are unknown at this time, but from January to August there were 14.3 arrests a month.

"The Region should take into consideration this special circumstance," said Thomson, adding police foot patrols are not only needed for the prostitution problem but also for hoodlums mugging tourists.

"We just do not have the manpower," said Thomson.

In 1981, the Niagara Regional Police challenged the the Region's decision to cut funding and appeared before the Ontario Police Commision, which decided in their favor.

Master Student Course popular choice for Niagara students

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

The Master Student program, started in May of last year, is going full-force with classes already full.

This term, three sections were filled in a matter of days leaving 60 people on a waiting list. Two additional sections have been created to meet the demand. Classes start next week.

Some of the topics discussed in the three-hour course include time management, memory, reading, note taking, creativity and test taking.

The workbook, available in the Niagara College bookstore, "is a source to go to for quick answers," said Brian Keppy, co-ordinator of general education.

During the class, the teacher assigns an exercise to do for the following week. When the students return the next week, "they want to see if (the lesson) actually works," so a discussion ensues about the topic.

"The intent of the book is to change the skills of the student," said Keppy.

Most skills the students have learned are not that good and that's what needs to be fixed, he said.

A Master Student Course training program has started for teachers. There will be eight, one-hour sessions, once a week during February and March. The sessions are available to all staff who are interested. The first session begins Wednesday, Feb. 3 and continues every Wednesday through Feb. 24. In March, the first session begins March 10 and continues to March 31. The sessions will be held in room L3 in the Lundy wing from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested, or want more information contact Keppy at ext. 7742.

News insert to help students succeed

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Seven second-year Journalism-Print program students are making a Niagara News insert to help students.

The paper, just starting production, will focus on how to be a successful student and the people or services that can help you acheive success as a student.

Brian Keppy, co-ordinator of general education, approached the journalism students in December to produce a paper that would offer students the knowledge of a master student.

The Master Student program, started last May, is a course aimed

Master STUDENT

at helping students prepare for success in life. It gives students the newest and most efficient techniques for dealing with time, memory, reading, note taking, and preparing for tests.

"I see the paper as an information package for students," said Keppy. The paper has three different roles: to act as an insert showing how to make life easier, to act as an advertising tool for services in the college that people don't know about, and to provide information to people outside the college system who are thinking of returning to school.

The paper is planned for publication in late February.

Association disbands

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

The Non-Traditional Student Association was rendered inactive Tuesday, Jan. 19.

After several unsuccessful attempts to generate interest, the association decided to dissipate. "The interest just wasn't there, so in turn the need wasn't there," said Tony Vandermaas, a second-year business administration student, as well as a founder of the association.

Non-traditional students made use of some of the services the association made available like a day care during the primary school March break last year, but were not interested in being active in the association. "Some students who have children certainly made use of our day care last year but when I asked them if they were interested in being on the executive for the association they said they didn't have the time or they just weren't interested," said Vandermaas.

French Language Services showing steady growth

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

With a francophone population of about 78,000 in the Niagara peninsula, Niagara College seems the obvious choice for a French Language Services (FLS) department.

Anne Audet Giroux, manager of the French Language Services department at the college, said Niagara Region "has always had French language schools," both at the primary and secondary level. But, until 1979, when the department was established, there was no service for francophones at the post-secondary level.

The department has grown quickly over the last 14 years and is expected to do so under Giroux. There are about 150 students enrolled in part-time studies with FLS. The department hopes to add programs to better service the needs of francophones living in the region.

Presently, the department has three programs: Education des Petits (Eafly Childhood Education), Tourisme - Circuits et Attraits Touristiques (Tourism - Tours and Attractions), and Soins Infirmiers Auxiliaires (Nursing Assistant).

The Nursing Assistant program began Jan. 4, and Giroux is "really excited" about it. There are 15 people enrolled in the program and a waiting list exists for September enrolment. With an almost perfect employment rate after graduation in the other two programs, both Giroux and Huguette Game, secretary and liaison of FLS, are optimistic the new program will be able to boast a 100 per cent placement rate as well.

The department is looking at adding to its list of available programs. Both Giroux and Game have an interest in expanding into General College for people with French as their first language. There are 38 people enrolled in French programs, but Giroux said they are "drawing from a very small base due to Francophones in English programs."

In the future, the department will offer Formation de base de l'Ontario (Ontario Basic Skills). This program will work with unemployed individuals over the age of 25 on a part-time or full-time basis. The program will be subsidized by the government and is aimed at getting people back to work.

The department would also like to extend existing services. Presently, there is a program called the Distance Learning program which works to offer programs in partnership with other colleges, such as Cambrian in Sudbury, Northern in South Porcupine and Cite in Ottawa. This type of program, said Giroux, is important because of the fact that "francophones in Ontario exist in (geographic) pockets."

New program for Hospitality and Tourism Centre

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Niagara College has developed a new province-wide tourism industry training program at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. It began last Monday.

The students get hands-on and in-school training in food and beverage service, front desk and guest services and as room attendant workers under the Ministry of Skills with the direction of OTEC by working in partnership with our local tourism industry and using Development Sectoral Traineeship Plan for the tourism industry.

The new program has been designed by industries in the Niagara Region, the Ontario Tourism Education Council (OTEC) and the college. The objective of this program is to provide consistent standards of job performance across Ontario and to provide certificates for a specific job.

"We are proceeding in keeping the instructors who came from the business," said David Davies, director at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

Properties involved in the program are White Oaks Inn, The Prince of Wales Hotel, Pillar and Post and Queen's Landing Inn, Niagara-on-the Lake; Cascade Inn, Niagara Falls; Best Western, Welland; Beacon Restaurant, Jordan; Holiday Inn and Parkway Inn, St. Catharines; and Rolf's Continental Dining Room in Chippawa.

The college will try to focus on interpersonal skills and an overview with the area's geography, history and attractions. Most of the training classes will be at the restaurants.

CRNC to promote more local talent in future

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

In an attempt to promote local bands, Campus Radio-Niagara College will interview the Toronto band Thrive on air today at 1 p.m.

The band will be in the radio booth, located in the Voyageur wing, part of the afternoon.

Bruce Gilbert, program director, says he is excited by the interview. "It'll help us and it'll help them," he says.

Mark Perry, music director, says he wants CRNC to help support local and independent bands in a co-operative effort to promote both the bands and the station.

The directors hope to schedule weekly feature interviews with local acts as part of a campaign to add "more spontaneity" to the college station. They are also planning such events as ticket give aways, on-air contests, and listener participation contests.

"People will be shocked," says Gilbert, who points out that CRNC has never focused on promotions before.

Upcoming events include a CD sale in February, on-air give aways, and interviews with more local bands.

Tutoring benefits teacher and student

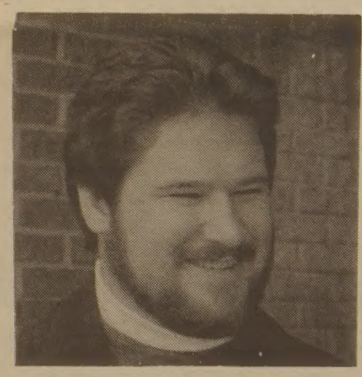
By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Brent Tureski enjoys helping other students.

"It makes you feel good when someone says, 'Hey, I did better on this test because of you.'"

Tureski, 23, is a Health Science Preperation program student at Niagara College. He is a student and a peer tutor.

"I've been told I'm a fairly good instructor," says Tureski, who also instructs in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the St. John Ambulance Brigade. "I figured I might as well give someone else a hand."



BRENT TURESKI

Tureski tutors one to four students at a time in math, chemistry and biology.

"Usually the tutoring is done during spares," he said. "But in one hour, you can't get to every question the students might have."

Whether it's one, two or three sessions a week, it's always a good time to review notes, study for tests and ask questions, he said.

"It also keeps me up-to-date. I find the more you teach something, the more you learn it," said Tureski. However, "the one trick is to make sure you don't put the tutoring above your own work."

Tutoring is available to all college students free of charge. Tutors are paid an hourly rate by the school. More information is available from Pat Cicci in the Career Library on the second floor of the Learning Resource Centre, Welland Campus.

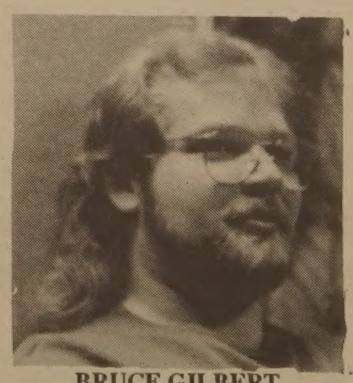
New leadership changes direction of campus radio

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Campus Radio-Niagara College began the new year with two new directors, a new sound, and a new look.

Mark Perry, 23, and Bruce Gilbert, 22, both second-year radio broadcasting students, took over the positions of music director and program director at the beginning of January. They have begun their one-year term as station management, by doing "a lot of editing down and mainstreaming," Perry says.

Perry, music director, wants to play more "good, classic rock songs" on CRNC. "It's what the students want," Gilbert says, citing a student poll he and Perry took in November. In a survey of six per cent of the student body, 50 per cent expressed a desire to listen to music like that played on 103.3 FM and 97.7 HITZ FM, both local rock stations. "We have to follow the trends," says Perry.



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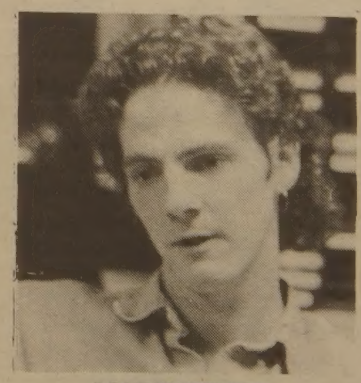


MARK PERRY

Consequently, the hard rock category of the playlist has been expanded, while the modern rock category has been pared. Instead of carrying bands such as Nine Inch Nails, the modern rock category now includes such bands as R.E.M. and Red Hot Chili Peppers. "We've tried to get a good cross-section," says Perry.

The directors say they feel the format change will be successful. "We've already heard a lot of positive things from a lot of people," Gilbert says.

A new studio booth is a major change for the station, making it more accessible to the student body. Located in the Voyageur wing, on the corner across from the broadcasting lounge, the glassed-in booth allows passers-by to see the disc jockeys at work. "Now people know we're here," says Perry. "They poke their heads in all the time, to say hi or request a song."

"It's nice being out here in the fishbowl," laughs Gilbert.

Both Perry and Gilbert want to promote "a better relationship between the station and the student body."

"We want people's input," says Perry.

"So far it seems we're on the right track," he says. "Hopefully we're doing the right things." Both he and Gilbert encourage students to drop by the new booth and let them know what they think.

The new directors are looking forward to the upcoming year. "I'm having a lot of fun now," Perry laughs. "I almost don't want to leave."

"Maybe you can fail," suggests Gilbert.

Perry frowns.

SPORTS

Men's volleyball Knights undefeated

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

If the Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team ever needed a confidence builder, they got it last Saturday as they went undefeated in a crossover tournament at Redeemer College in Ancaster to improve their record to 7-4 on the season.

The Knights opened the tournament by sweeping Algonquin College of Ottawa in two straight games. All games were played in a best two-out-of-three format.

Niagara broke out to a quick 11-2 lead in the first game but allowed their opponents to come within three before finally putting the game away 15-13.

"We have to start finishing teams off," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said.

The second game was much tighter as Algonquin's blocking improved. However, the Knights took an early four point lead and hung on to win the game and match 15-12.

Jim Konrad led the Knights attack with eight kills followed by Kevin Jones' five and Greg Heyder and Brent Roszell adding four apiece.

Niagara's second match was against Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough.

The Knights easily won the first game 15-5 as they capitalized on early Sir Sandford Fleming mistakes.

"They're not a really strong team," Sarkis said. "They make a lot of mistakes."

However, Sir Sandford Fleming rebounded with some key blocks and took the second game 15-10 despite an early Knights' seven-point lead.

Niagara regained their winning ways in the final game and jumped out to a 9-0 lead before easily cruising to a 15-8 win.

"The guys started passing better and we just dominated them in the final game," Sarkis said.

Roszell was an offensive force as he had nine kills in the match followed by Jones with seven, Konrad four, and Heyder two.

The Knights played St. Lawrence College of Kingston in the final match of the day.

Both teams traded the lead early in the first game but St. Lawrence pulled away and won 15-10.

"We were a little timid on our attacks," Sarkis said. "The play was very sloppy."

Niagara quickly rebounded and won the next two games 15-7 and 15-10.

Konrad and Jones led the attack with eight kills apiece while Roszell and Heyder chipped in with seven and six kills respectively.

Canadian amateur aquatics

Swimming makes the stroke count

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

A lone pistol shot shreds the still air, jolting quivering muscles from a standstill into the water. The swimmer's arms churn though the water while air is violently expelled from heaving lungs. The swimmer's body is a machine fueled by a single, driving purpose-victory.

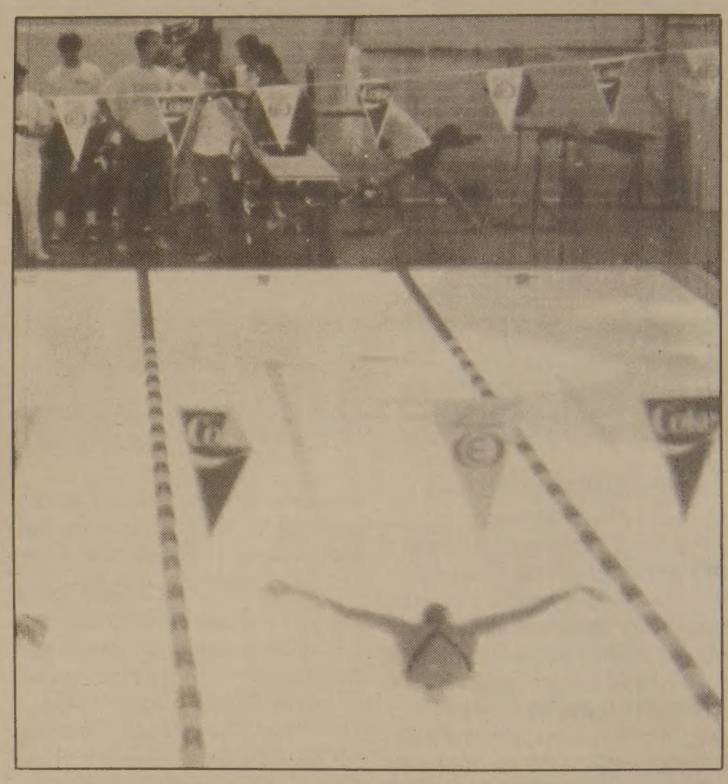
Competitive swimming is a popular sport among many young people today. Aquatic centres across the country are showing a renewed interest in the sport. Many are doing their best to improve the skill of Canadian amateur swimmers.

Most aquatic centres have clubs for competitive swimming. When one joins a club they also become a part of the Canadian Amateur Swimmers Association. Being a CASA member allows you to race against other clubs.

So what is the secret to becoming an Olympic swimmer?

"Eat right, train hard, get lots of sleep, go like hell," says Ron Smith, a rookie on the University of Guelph swim team. The 19-year-old recently won two races and was named swimmer of the meet at a competition at the University of Waterloo last weekend.

Most clubs have a gruelling training schedule to keep the swimmers in peak physical shape. A typical week might include eight hour-and-a-half practices as well as three weight room sessions. "You have to get up early every day as well as give up some social activities," says Smith.

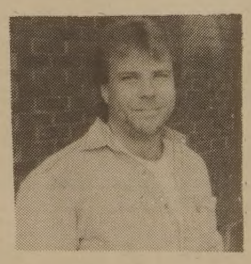


A University of Guelph girl pulls hard to win in a meet against McMaster University. Competitive swimming is intense but also a lot of fun. Many aquatic centres have their own clubs.
Photo by Duncan Warrener

The benefits of competitive swimming are many. The two most obvious are the exercise and the chance to improve as a swimmer. It is also fun and a great way to meet people. "It's a good way to meet scantily clad members of the opposite sex," jokes Smith.

The Welland YMCA is the home of a Masters swim club. Anyone over 20 years of age is welcome to join.

Bills win battle to face Cowboys in Super Bowl



By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

The Buffalo Bills have silenced many of their staunchest critics by battling adversity, doubt and incredible odds to qualify for their third consecutive Super Bowl appearance.

They're being called a team of destiny or fate and some people are actually saying God is a Bills fan. I doubt if fate, destiny, or even God has ever decided the outcome of a football game. Rather, football teams, consisting of 47 players and a coaching staff dedicated to the same goal, win football games.

People have mentioned the strong religious convictions of many prominent Buffalo players — particularly quarterback Frank Reich — as the main reason for the team's incredible performance in the post-season.

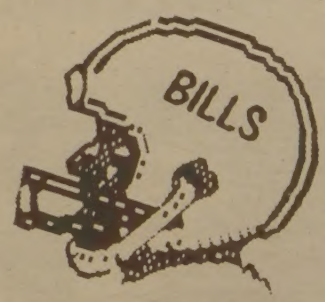
While I don't discount the power of faith and what can be accomplished when it is practiced, a great number of losing teams have players of equal character, strength and faith as the Bills do.

In the National Football League, as in any competition, teams are beaten by others with inferior talent. Also, teams full of players with strong faith lose to teams with players of considerably less faith. Perhaps when the perfect blend of talent, faith, knowledge and hard work come together, a team becomes almost unbeatable. This seems to be the case with Buffalo.

When the Bills trailed the Houston Oilers 35-3 in the third quarter of their wild-card playoff game Jan. 3, no amount of faith could propel them to their incredible comeback without a complete effort from 47 extremely talented and focussed athletes.

Conversely, the Bills have had a very good team for several years, but have failed to win the Super Bowl. Great ability alone wasn't enough despite two opportunities.

Two years ago, in what many call the greatest Super Bowl, the Bills lost to the New York Giants 20-19 when Scott Norwood's 47-yard field goal attempt sailed wide to the right as time expired. Last year the Bills, although they lost to a very talented and well-coached Washington team, appeared overconfident going into the game. It was almost as



though they assumed their Super Bowl experience from the previous year would be enough to ensure victory. Experience is only valuable if you learn something from it. This year, finally, the Bills appear to have learned from past mistakes.

Their impressive road wins over Pittsburgh and Miami after the Houston comeback show the team isn't likely to suffer through any more slumps or letdowns, as they have earlier this year and in the past.

The Bills also now seem to realize team harmony is important. Unlike past years, there have been no major controversies started by the players over things such as playing time — the Jim Kelly/Frank Reich controversy existed only among the fans. Nothing about the Bills now even remotely resembles the "Bickering Bills" teams of the past which appeared more concerned with individual achievements than team goals.

When interviewed by the media after Sunday's victory over Miami in the AFC Championship Game, the first thing Jim Kelly, Marv Levy, Bruce Smith, Andre Reed, Mark Kelso and owner Ralph Wilson all mentioned was that each member of the team and coaching staff was equally responsible for the team's accomplishments. It wasn't the normal regurgitation of that cliche you normally hear from athletes either. They all seemed sincere. The way they have worked together, particularly in the victory over Houston, you have to think they believe it.

All-Pro defensive end Bruce Smith, as well known for his annoying showboating and trash talking as he is for his enormous ability, played what might have been the best game of his life against Miami. Smith, who has rarely made big plays in important games, particularly against Miami tackle Richmond Webb, harrassed quarterback Dan Marino all game but refrained from performing any of his ridiculous sack dances. Perhaps Smith has realized, after listening to Miami safety Louis Oliver spout off for weeks, just how motivating showboating by a player can be to an opponent. After the game, Smith told NBC's O.J. Simpson, "When you win, say little. When you lose, say less."

When the Bills were awarded the Lamar Hunt Trophy as AFC Champs, the team was more subdued than the last two years. They already had two AFC Championships. What they covet are Super Bowl rings. Judging by the way the Bills have gone about business during the playoffs, one has to think this will be the year they get them.

SPORTS

Men's basketball team slam dunks RMC

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team dominated division two, Royal Military College of Kingston, in an 88-66 win here last Friday.

The Niagara lead was in jeopardy for the first five minutes as RMC kept the score close. "We (Niagara) were flat early on, as usual," said head coach Todd Stevens.

Knights win 88-66

Two three-point shots by Niagara's Scott Currie and several turnovers by RMC helped to increase Niagara's lead to 19 points just before the end of the half.

A tip in of a long three-point bail at the buzzer by Niagara's Dan Macnab made the half time score 45-27 in favor of the Knights.

In the second half, RMC never quit, but failed to cut into the Knights' lead. "They (RMC) crashed the boards well," said Stevens.

The Knights added a little flare to the game in the second half as RMC turnovers and missed shots led to easy fast break baskets for Niagara.

Currie finished the contest with five three-pointers and a total of 23 points, leading all scorers. RMC's Paul Kluchert led his team with 18 points.

Sinclair and Frank Keltos each had 15 points for the Knights. Merv Wrighton, 12 points, Paul Grummett, nine points, Dan Macnab, six points and Jeff Allen with four points were the other Niagara scorers.

With the win Niagara improves its record to 9-4 and 4-2 in league play. Niagara's next game is tomorrow at Lambton College in Sarnia at 7 p.m.

Hockey team scores first win against all-star team

Exhibition contest raises money for United Way

By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

A double bonus- a win for Knights Hockey and a good cause.

The Niagara Knights won their first game of the season last Saturday, albeit an exhibition one against an all-star team from area high schools in a charity fundraiser.

The Knights, who lost 5-2 to Algonquin College of Nepean, Ont., the night before, were led by forward Mike Dakin. Dakin scored two goals and added one assist while looking impressive throughout the game.

'Hopefully it's a sign of things to come'
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"Hopefully it's a sign of things to come," Dakin said of his performance.

Mike Alfieri, the third-period goaltender, played solid in net for the All-Stars allowing one goal while making several big saves.

"We never played together as a team; we didn't even have a practice so we weren't really prepared," Alfieri said. "It did seem like they were just toying with us. Not to be a pessimist but I expected to get blown out."

"The object (of the game) was to get the college and the high school players together and maybe getting some of the high school players to go to Niagara," Knights coach Fred Bassi said.

Coach Bassi had high praise for his players after the game.

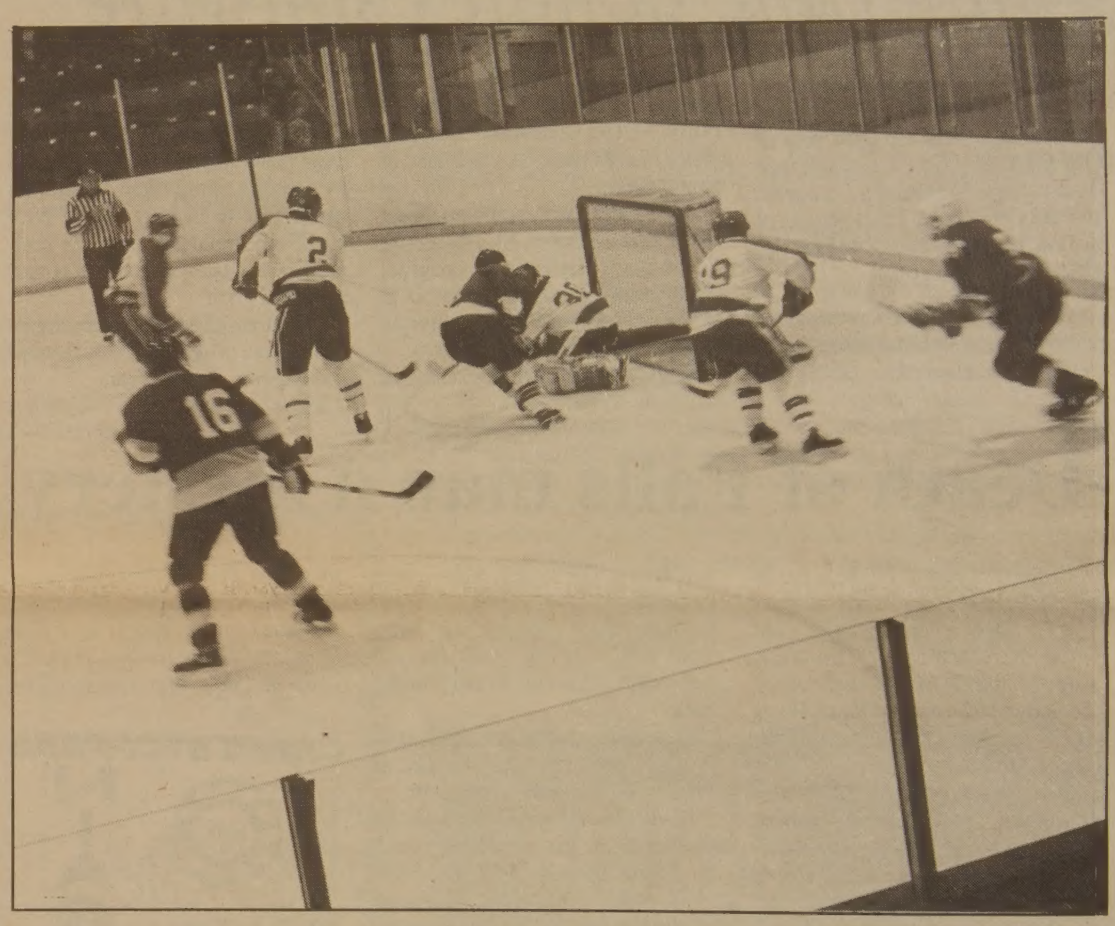
"I was proud of the way we played. I'm happy we worked well together. Hopefully, this will give us a boost for Saturday's game and we' ll be able to work from this."

Brett Bottenfield also scored two for the Knights. Dale Zimmerman, Chris Kereluk and Derek Rewberry had the others.

Mike Zapetelli had two, Mark Surka, and Dave Ferguson replied for the all-star team.

The $160 raised will go to the United Way.

The Knights next game is tomorrow against Conestoga College of Kitchener at the Welland Arena. Game time is 8 p.m.



Knights goaltender Rob Wylde (30) covers up a loose puck as an unidentified high school player looks for a goal. Niagara players Chris Karpinchick (19) and Steve Cote (2) look on.
Photo by Lloyd Abbs

CFL will fumble with expansion in U.S.

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Canadian Football League with its distinct Canadian flavor has decided to cross the border and enter the giant United States market.

Last week Larry Benson and Fred Anderson were both granted franchises in San Antonio and Sacramento respectively.

This expansion is doomed to fail and may even anger the few remaining CFL fans. From talking to some CFL fans, I get the impression that the reason they enjoy the CFL is because it is distinctly different from the more successful National Football League. CFL expansion puts the Canadian player quota in jeopardy. Benson and Anderson have both said they want to keep the CFL rules, but both have expressed the desire to have a lot of local talent on their team.

For the players, wouldn't it just be a dream to play in fairly warm climates, getting paid in U.S. dollars to play in front of more NFL scouts. It may be that many CFL players will want to relocate south of the border.

The new teams are doomed to fail because the league and the new teams have not planned and have no idea how the teams will be accepted. Benson and Anderson are betting that their franchises will work. However, they are not betting very much. The CFL teams were bought for $3 million in U.S. dollars, which is not very much for a pro sports franchise. Both owners will receive $2 million from the NFL because of the failed WLAF league. In reality, they are only putting up a million dollars for the franchise.

Benson admitted to the San Antonio Express-News, "This isn't the best investment from a financial sense."

Both of these teams will not be able to compete with American sports teams in the U.S. mass media markets. In the CFL season, the San Francisco 49ers have their training camp just 25 kilometers north-east of Sacramento. Sacramento will be competing with the Oakland and San Francisco pro sports teams. San Antonio will not only have to compete with the basketball Spurs but also with Dallas and Houston sports teams.

Both owners have actively pursued NFL teams which leads skeptics to wonder if these new teams are just an attempt to prove to the NFL that San Antonio and Sacramento can support a pro football team. What would happen to the CFL team if the NFL decided to give an NFL franchise to either of these cities.

U.S. sports fans are used to being close to the action as proven by the success of the NBA and the NFL where the playing surfaces are smaller and fans are seated closer to the action.

The CFL made a mistake in expanding to U.S. cities where they will have to compete against the NFL. They should have concentrated on marketing towards loyal Canadian fans rather than going out into uncharted waters.

AIDS cases could be on rise

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

New figures show the number of AIDS cases could be on the rise nationally. An adjustment formula suggests that the total of AIDS cases is closer to 11,000 and not the previous record of 7,282. AIDS, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, is the advanced stage of the disease caused by a Human Immunodeficiency Virus which attacks the body's immune system.

The adjustment figures include a large number of people not "captured" before, said Caroline Hurst, Niagara College nurse. The adjustment figures will estimate the number of cases that have not been reported to give a more "accurate" look at where the AIDS epidemic is going.

They are "increasing the definition of AIDS" due to more sophisticated testing, Hurst said. The most severe stage of HIV infection is AIDS. AIDS is defined when life-threatening diseases appear due to a breakdown of the immune system.

The Centre for Disease Control in the United States has changed the definition of AIDS by using T-cell counts in the body to determine AIDS cases from HIV cases.

If Canada accepts the definition change, there will be a "dramatic increase" in the people classified as having AIDS, said Linda Deatcher, support/education co-ordinator for the AIDS Committee of Niagara.

In Niagara, there are 180 HIV/AIDS cases reported. Ninety per cent of people don't even know they are infected, said Deatcher. "Eventually it will go down."

After Hours gets thumbs up: survey

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

A study by the third-term students of the Retail Management program found that 53 per cent of the 214 students interviewed were smokers.

Almost half the non-smokers said they do not like smoke in After Hours, said the survey.

Smoking ranked second to a complaint about the hours that the pub is open.

Over 91 per cent of students interviewed rated the music played at the pub as "fairly good to very good."

While 60 per cent of the students said they drink, only 25 of the 214 students said they drink more than five beers a day.

The study was skewed more towards males (62 per cent) than females (38 per cent), which was representative of the After Hours clientele.

Timberline donates software

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Each student in the third year of the Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture program recently received $500 worth of software from the Timberline Company of Oregon.

One of Timberline's products is called Precision Estimating Light with a retail value of $500. Timberline gave 28 students, who completed the 45-hour course, a copy of the software with an instruction book and a certificate of achievement.

Ron O'neill, who graduated from the Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture program three years ago and now works at PliBrico Company in Burlington, gave a presentation to the class.

O'neill, 25, a Welland resident, told the class about his jobs after graduating and the benefits of Timberline, which is used to estimate material price for any element for construction. This process is usually done in long hand. With the Timberline program, the estimating is faster and there is less room for error.

Niagara College is expanding its Timberline program to an advanced second course next year.

Death of Falls man a mystery

Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc. is searching for clues in the August 1992 death of a Niagara Falls man.

On the morning of Thursday, Aug. 27, 1992, friends discovered the body of 62-year-old Frank Perry in the bedroom of his Ontario Avenue home.

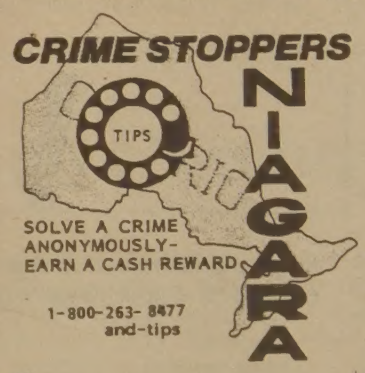
Investigation has revealed that, sometime overnight, person(s) unknown broke into the house and attacked Perry while he slept. Autopsy results determined that the victim died of massive head injuries.

On the evening prior to his death, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Perry received a visit from an unidentified couple. The male is described as white, 30 to 40 years, thin build, clean-shaven with dark, shoulder-length hair. The female is described as white, 30 to 40 years, 5'5" tall, medium build with dark hair. They were both wearing blackish-grey vests with unknown writing on the back.

Detectives believe this couple may be the last people to speak to Perry prior to his violent death.

If you have information about this homicide, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police Force in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P. O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.



Lost is found at Student Centre

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Wallets, gloves, books, keys and clothing are among the items brought into the lost and found department located in the Building Services office in L8 and the Student Centre.

Once a week, the articles are taken to the Student Centre, where the Student Administrative Council office is located, and are entered in a book at the security office. The majority of items brought in are textbooks and notebooks.

"If somebody comes in and asks for something we've already sent over we can go through the book and see if it's there," said Linda Maidens, the college's building services supervisor.

Maidens is in charge of the articles while they are held at the security office and makes sure the items get over to the SAC office where Donna Flutur takes over. After a couple months, unclaimed books are posted and then sold.

"That way the money is back in the students' hands anyway," said Maidens.

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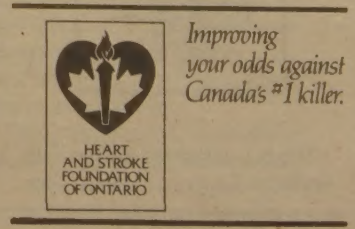
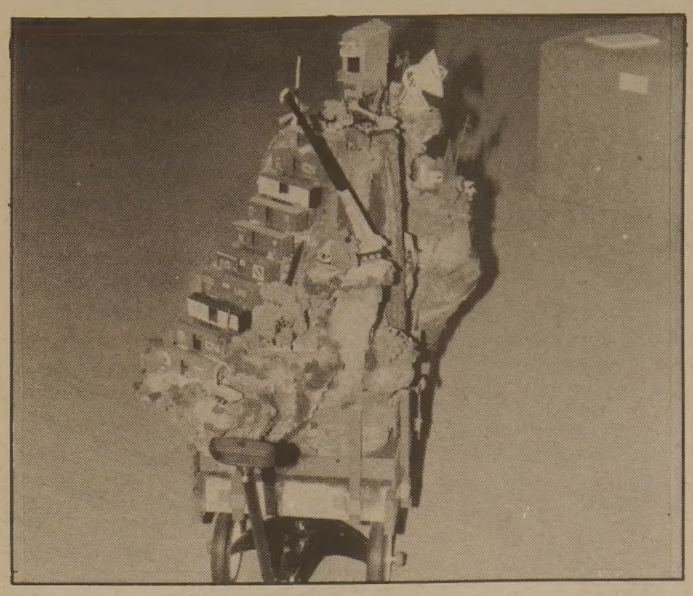


Utopia art exhibition debuts at Rodman Hall



One of the works of art on display at Rodman Hall for the exhibition Utopia: Islands is called, "Country Estate Earth Shelves," by Kim Adams. The piece is from the Oakville Galleries.
Photo by Samantha Magill

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

The official preview of the modern art exhibition Utopia: Islands was held at Rodman Hall in St Catharines on Jan. 17.

Considering the football game and snowstorm, there was an acceptable number of guests, said Peter Harris, director of Rodman Hall.

The audience included members of the public, Rodman Hall, artists and Brock University students.

"The viewers are basically drawn from the peninsula and those who came to support the artists and Rodman Hall, "said Harris.

The opening began with a speech delivered by the curator Derek Knight, a visual arts professor at Brock University. While describing Utopia:Islands, he emphasized the relationship between utopia and the exhibition.

In his speech, Knight said, "this exhibition, addresses in part of the cultural memory of utopia, still informs popular even private manifestations of social or political idealism." He added: "The eclectic range of quality and variety of the works," (by the seven contemporary Canadian artists), "make for a rare exchange on many levels."

The show consisted of works by Kim Adams, Eleanor Bond, Katherine Knight, Matthew Meagher, Philip Vanderwall, Nicholas Wade, and Ian Smith-Rubenzahl, all Canadian artists.

"This exhibition asks that you re-examine or re-acquaint yourself with the concept of utopia...the exhibition is constantly open to interpretation," said Knight.

Utopia:Islands, the brain-child of Knight, began 18 months before the opening. Knight approached Harris on the idea of Utopia:Islands with the seven artists in mind. The two then formulated the show together by viewing different works by the artists and chose those works which fit the concept of Utopia:Islands, said Harris.

"In the show there are seven different points of view," Harris said. "We wanted the exhibition to challenge the viewer...to make you think, put you off balance, but come together as a show."

Harris said the show has an intellectual challenge. "This is a learning, you have to bring your intellect rather than accepting the esthetics of a certain piece."

The show is sponsored by the Canadian Council Art Bank, federal government, Oakville Galleries and the Ontario Arts Council.

The exhibition is on display until Feb 21. A panel discussion will be held by Knight and the artists on Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Shape up with aerobic workouts

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

An aerobics hour will make its debut Jan. 26 in the weight room above the college's gym.

Frank Teravich, recently certified to instruct aerobics, will take students through a high/low impact workout beginning at 12:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

"The first half-hour will be aerobics and the last half-hour will be floor work — abdominals and leg work," said Teravich, a YMCA volunteer who also teaches four classes in Niagara Falls.

Taylor lauds joint ventures

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

A process for joint academic development programs was presented by Niagara College's Dave Taylor, co-ordinator of International Trade and Marketing Management, at the 9th annual International Conference on Technology and Education held last March in Paris, France.

The presentation, made jointly with Niagara County Community College of Sanborn, N.Y., was made to representatives of 38 countries.

"It was actually the process we presented . . . insights that we've learned . . . to show people how to proceed with it, with some of the benefits and pitfalls," said Taylor.

"We thought it would be very applicable to the European market because of what we hope eventually will happen in the European community," he said.

"There are so many borders and educational institutions that are within geographical proximity to take advantage of such a joint venture between institutions."

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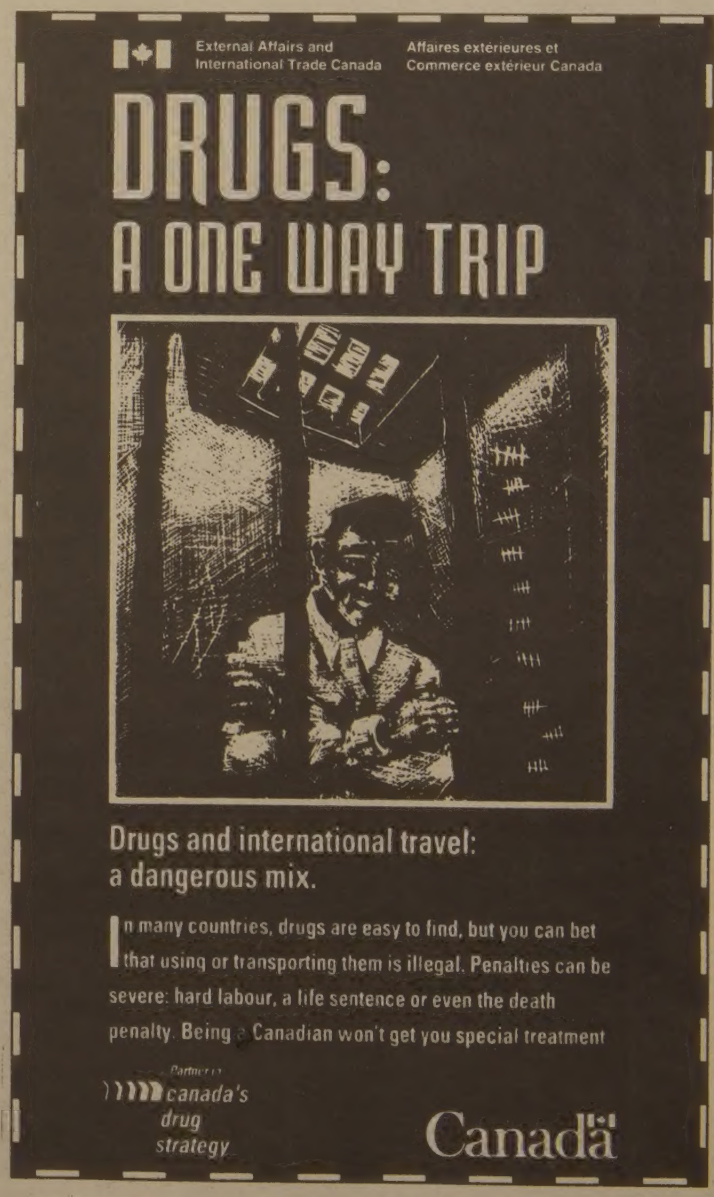
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Off to the big city

All aboard! Niagara College Pre-employment students left Hennepin Hall yesterday for Queen's Park in Toronto where they will take part in a presentation to the Ontario Training Adjustment Board. From left are Ginette Colquhoun, Angela Wolfe and Frank Frattaroli. **Photo by Darius Sokal**

Test policy to be discussed

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can go in from approximately a three or four-day period and write it when you can."

Schleich said Niagara College needs a testing system in place, adding students need convenient, flexible access to testing "because they have jobs and kids to take care of.

"I'm really worried about sole-support parents who have kids, because they just don't have the flexability to sit around waiting for things to happen," Schleich said.

Meanwhile, Fraser said he has been dealing with students missing tests since the day he started at Niagara College.

Fraser asked why missed tests were so "rampant that we suddenly have to come up with a practice setting aside periods for missed tests whether there are abuses in that area or not."

Council member Willard Wright, a human relations instructor, said "it (the memorandum) would seem it was written by someone who doesn't know the first thing about teaching, has never been involved in teaching in college," but added he did not think that was the case.

Wright questioned identification procedures, saying anyone could walk in and write a test. The course instructor would not be present at a test rewrite.

"I have to be in the room if it's my course," he said, adding there are many legitimate reasons for students missing tests.

Wright said he will find a way to be present when his students write tests.

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